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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

House

No activities of interest have been scheduled this week.

Senate

Activities of interest in the Senate this week include:

- Senate vote on *H. Rpt. 108-330 – Conference Report for FY 2004 Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies*
- Senate vote on *H. Rpt. 108-337 – Conference Report for FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations*
- Senate Committee on Appropriations vote on *S. 1585 – FY 2004 Appropriations for Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary*

STATUS OF FY 2004 APPROPRIATIONS

Continuing Resolution (CR) On October 30, both the House and the Senate passed *H.J. Res. 75*, the third CR to continue operations of Federal programs under the jurisdiction of the 10 appropriations bills not yet enacted into public law. The bill has been presented to the President for his signature and would keep the government operational through November 7, 2003.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES/VOTES

FY 2004 Appropriations

Last week, Congress took action on the following bills of importance.

- House approved *H. Rpt. 108-330 – Conference Report for FY 2004 Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies* on October 30; the bill is pending Senate approval.
- House approved *H. Rpt. 108-337 – FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations* on October 30
- House-Senate conference negotiations continued on *H.R. 2754/S. 1424 – FY 2004 Appropriations for Energy and Water Development*

H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003 Progress on the bill continues to be slow due to differences over ethanol and other tax incentive provisions. At this point, it is unclear whether the conference committee will have a report to vote on and turn over to the House and Senate for approval before Congress adjourns for the year (no date has been set). In addition, Congress is also preoccupied with passing 10 of the 13

remaining annual appropriations bills, the *FY 2003 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations* bill, and Medicare legislation. The President has said he would like an energy bill on his desk by the end of 2003.

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

Legislation

Refer to Section IV. New Legislation.

Summary of Hearings

No hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest occurred last week.

SENATE

Legislation

Refer to Section IV. New Legislation.

Summary of Hearings

No hearings, mark ups, or votes of interest occurred last week.

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III. STATUS OF FY 2004 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(In Millions)

HOUSE

SENATE

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2004 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations / Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte. Mark Up</i>	<i>Floor Vote</i>	<i>Vote on Conf Rpt.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level (New)</i>	<i>Bill No</i>	<i>Full Cmte. Mark Up</i>	<i>Floor Vote</i>	<i>Vote on Conf. Rpt.</i>
Agriculture \$17,141	\$17,005	<i>H.R.</i> 2673	6/25	7/14		\$17,005	<i>S. 1427</i>	7/17		
Commerce \$37,685	\$37,914	<i>H.R.</i> 2799	7/16	7/23		\$37,014	<i>S. 1585</i>	9/4	<i>Week of 11/3</i>	
Defense \$371,698 <i>P.L. 108-86</i>	\$368,662	<i>H.R.</i> 2658	6/26	7/8	9/24	\$368,662	<i>S.</i> 1382	7/9	7/17	9/25
Energy and Water Development \$26,946	\$27,080	<i>H.R.</i> 2754	7/15	7/18		\$27,313	<i>S. 1424</i>	7/17	9/16	
Homeland Security \$27,481 <i>P.L. 108-90</i>	\$28,521	<i>H.R.</i> 2555	6/17	6/24	9/24	\$28,521	<i>H.R. 2555</i>	7/10	7/24	9/24
Interior \$19,552	\$19,627	<i>H.R.</i> 2691	6/25	7/17	10/30	\$19,627	<i>S. 1391</i>	7/10	9/23	<i>Week of 11/3</i>
Labor / HHS \$137,990	\$138,046	<i>H.R.</i> 2660	6/25	7/10		\$137,601	<i>S. 1356</i>	6/26	9/10	
Military Construction \$9,237	\$9,196	<i>H.R.</i> 2559	6/17	6/26		\$9,196	<i>S. 1357</i>	6/26	7/11	
Transportatio n and Treasury \$27,802	\$27,502	<i>H.R.</i> 2989	7/24	9/9		\$27,502	<i>S. 1589.</i>	9/4	10/23	
VA/HUD \$89,434	\$90,034	<i>H.R.</i> 2861	7/21	7/25		\$90,034	<i>S. 1584</i>	9/4	<i>Week of 11/3 or 11/10</i>	

IV. NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
H. R. 3358	Family Budget Protection Act of 2003	10/21/03	Jeb Hensarling (R/TX)	Referred to Committees on the Budget, Rules, and Government Reform
	<p>Amends Section 300 of the <i>Congressional Budget Act of 1974</i>, to adjust the Congressional budget process timetable.</p> <p>Requires that Federal agencies assist standing committees of Senate and House of Representatives by requiring each Federal agency to provide committees with studies, information, analyses, reports, and assistance, as may be requested by committee.</p> <p>Requires that Federal agencies furnish to committees, documentation, containing information received, compiled, or maintained by agency as part of operation or administration of a program, or specifically compiled pursuant to request in support of a review of a program, as requested by committee.</p> <p>Amends Chapter 13 of title 31, <i>United States Code</i>, by revising rules for providing continuing appropriations for any project or activity for which funds were provided in the preceding fiscal year.</p> <p>Provisions shall be effective on 1/1/07, and shall apply to budget resolutions and appropriations for the biennium beginning with FY 2008.</p>			
H.R. 3376	Denver Federal Center Redevelopment Act	10/28/03	Bob Beauprez (R/CO)	Referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
	Amends title 40, <i>United States Code</i> , to authorize GSA to lease and redevelop Federal property on the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado.			

SENATE

Number	Short title	Date	Sponsor	Status
S. 1788	Denver Federal Center Redevelopment Act	10/28/03	Ben Campbell (R/CO)	Referred to Committee on Governmental Affairs
	Amends title 40, <i>United States Code</i> , to authorize GAO to lease and redevelop certain Federal property on the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado.			

V. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

Comprehensive Energy Legislation Last week, during a visit to plants in Ohio, President Bush urged Congress to pass comprehensive energy legislation this year. In his remarks, the President said:

We need a comprehensive plan. We need to encourage production and we need to encourage conservation. We need to use the energy resources we've got at hand in an environmentally friendly way. And we need to advance new kinds of energy...

My message to the United States Congress – resolve your differences. Understand that if you're interested in people finding a job, we need an energy policy.

In addition, Vice President Cheney and Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, have been working with the Republican leadership to advance the bill to achieve a negotiated conference report.

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VI. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new activities of interest to report.

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest to report.

SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>Week of November 3</i>	Ted Stevens	<i>S. 1585 – FY 2004 Appropriations for Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary</i>	N/A	TBA
Committee on Appropriations <i>(NEW)</i>	(R/AK)			

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new activities of interest to report.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS/FLOOR VOTES

Date and Action Item	Topic	Time and Location
November 3, 2003 <i>(Tentative)</i>	<i>H. Rpt. 108-330 – Conference Report for FY 2004</i>	TBA
Senate vote	<i>Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies</i>	
November 3, 2003 <i>(Tentative)</i>	<i>H. Rpt. 108-337 – FY 2003</i>	TBA
Senate vote	<i>Emergency Supplemental Appropriations</i>	

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